

### **III. Amendments to the Abstract**

Please amend the abstract of the present application as follows:

#### **ABSTRACT**

A medical instrument includes a housing having a housing member with a passage through which a catheter is inserted. A valve body is mounted in the housing and abuts the housing member at an end of the passage, and, as the catheter penetrates through the valve body, the valve body conforms to the outer wall of the catheter to maintain a fluid tight seal between the valve body and the catheter. When the valve body is unstressed before being mounted in the passage, the valve body has a first planar dimension and a second planar dimension that is less than the first planar dimension.